

SOCIETY DEPRESSED BY VANDERBILT'S DEATH.

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THE death of Cornelius Vanderbilt has had a depressing effect upon the gaieties of society. The Vanderbilt family and its connections through marriage have become so dominant a factor in New York's social life that a happening of almost any kind in their ranks is sure to be felt throughout the social set. In addition to this the late Mr. Vanderbilt's personal qualities had won no little esteem among those who knew him well.

New York.

Society has come to an absolute standstill by the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt. It is true that, in a way, it was not unexpected, and one could easily divine that Mr. Vanderbilt during the last year was a very sick man. The closing, however, of the several Vanderbilt houses and the throwing in mourning of so large a family connection have their effect. The women who will not entertain this winter or who will not be seen out in society on account of Mr. Vanderbilt's death will be Mrs. William D. Sloan, Mrs. McK. Twombly (who had a daughter to bring out), Mrs. Seward Webb, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. William K. Vanderbilt entertained a great deal this summer and saved the Newport season from absolute collapse. If it had not been for the coming-of-age festivities of Alfred Guyane Vanderbilt and the ball and entertainments given by William K. Vanderbilt, there would have been nothing whatever accomplished until the automobile parade and the dinners and dances preceding the wedding of Prince Cantacuzene and Miss Grant.

MRS. ASTOR has sailed away, and she is, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, quite an ill woman. She did not go out at all at Newport this summer. She presided at two dinners at Beechwood and was seen occasionally driving. She was accompanied to the ship by her dear friend, Mrs. Willing, of Philadelphia, the mother of her daughter-in-law, and by her son, Mrs. John Jacob Astor will after a short season passed at Ferneliffe go abroad for the winter. The climate here does not agree with her young son. The Astor plans are not arranged. It is not probable that Mrs. William Astor will return to this country for the winter. Her two daughters, Mrs. Orme Wilson and Mrs. Ogilvie Haig—who was Mrs. Coleman Drayton—will be with her. Thus the season will be gone through without the Astors or Vanderbilts. This will mean few, if any, large dances or balls.

HERE is a rumor prevalent that Mrs. Ogden Mills will pass the winter abroad. Mrs. Mills is devoted to her twin sister, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, who has been quite an invalid. Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck is just now at Braemar, in Scotland, near Balmoral, where the Queen passes the autumn. It is a delightful place, with strong, pure mountain air, very dry and very beneficial to invalids. There is no question of Miss Beatrice Mills coming out this season. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills are due this week at their country place at Staatsburg, on the Hudson.

MRS. STUYVESANT FISH has little, if any, intention of giving a coming-out ball for Miss Marion Fish, her daughter, because Miss Fish does not care in the least for society and is rather delicate. There will be the usual number of small, jolly entertainments at Mrs. Fish's this winter and perhaps near the carnival time a dance.

EVERY one in society looks to Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont. It has always been just as Mrs. Belmont chooses. Having no young daughter, she has not cared to entertain on a lavish scale. She will be at Hempstead a great part of the winter, and at her house in town after Christmas. She and Mr. Belmont will make their usual little pilgrimage to the Hot Springs of West Virginia, where they have passed several autumns. Mrs. Belmont will entertain her intimate friends

no ornaments. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron will go abroad for the winter. Miss Mary Turnure is one of the richest girls in New York, and has been for some years much admired in society.

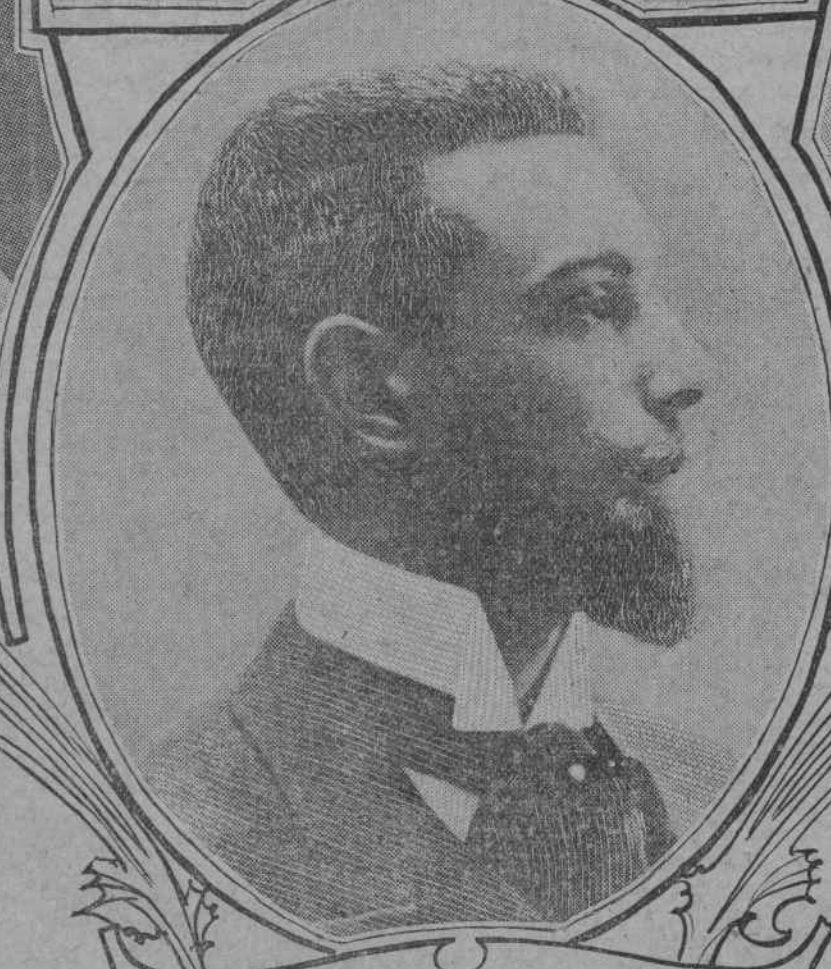
AT Newport will take place the wedding of Lieutenant Winslow and Miss Dora Havemeyer, the daughter of Mrs. Theodore Havemeyer. The dispensation not having been obtained, the ceremony will be held in the drawing room of Freidheim. It is an extremely pretty apartment, but one which cannot accommodate a large assemblage of people. It has been arranged to have only the family and a few intimate friends—about fifty. The Hungarian Band will play, and there will be a breakfast. Miss Lily Goldrich will be bridesmaid. The wedding is one of the most notable which has taken place at Newport for some time, but it seems to have been entirely overshadowed by the Grant Cantacuzene nuptials. Dora Havemeyer is the last unmarried daughter of a family of beautiful women. Mrs. Theodore Havemeyer will pass the winter abroad. The family deny all

The Four Most Prominent Figures of the Past Week in Society.

MISS JULIA GRANT



PRINCE CANTACUZENE



MISS ELSIE FRENCH



MISS AMY BEND



in her own delightful way, and may perhaps give a musicale or some entertainment of that kind during Lent.

MRS. AND MRS. ELBRIDGE T. GERRY and the Misses Gerry will return in time for the season. Mrs. Gerry will give a series of handsome dinners, beginning about Christmas, and also one large reception. Mrs. Bayard Cutting and Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting will also entertain.

PRINCE CANTACUZENE has disappointed many people because he is short of stature. I told you that when I saw him in Paris I was rather taken aback. He was very short, and he came up just to the shoulder of Miss Julia Deut Grant. Every year about this time New York and Newport—and it means the same thing—must have something to talk about. Last year there was a terrible fuss made about the wedding of Miss Marie Churchill and Mr. Baring, and since that event they have disappeared from sight. The Prince Cantacuzene is much better known, and we will always keep our eyes on Julia Grant, who is a kind of ward of the nation. There is no doubt, however, that her grandmother does not approve of her marrying a foreigner. Mrs. Grant has not forgotten that her own daughter, Mrs. Sartoris, was not very happy in her married life. But every one has taken a liking to the young Prince, and I don't wonder many American girls have had the same brilliant sendoff.

NEWPORT'S tribute to Miss Grant has been cut somewhat short by the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt. One of the most awkward of the contretemps was the dinner given by Mrs. F. O. French, who is very near to the Vanderbilts. All invitations were out, and it was impossible to postpone it, so that the only thing to do was to have no music and no dancing. It made matters extremely solemn, and the guests departed very early. Other dinners and festivities were given up. Mrs. James Hyde Beckman's luncheon for the young couple to-day at Gooseberry Island will be one of the loveliest reunions of the season. Mrs. Beckman is a woman who is always good humored, and her husband is also a very jolly fellow, and both are delightful dinner people, as they have always so many funny stories to tell.

ALREADY the departures from Newport have left that place quite desolate. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexel, Colonel and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., are among those who leave Newport within a few days.

DUNCAN CAMERON and Miss Mary Turnure will be married in town to-morrow. This will be the first wedding of the season. It will be a very quiet affair, as Miss Turnure is in mourning for her father. The ceremony will take place at the Turnure mansion on Fifth avenue. Miss Rachel Cameron will come up for the wedding from Southampton, where she has been quite ill all summer. There will be about fifty people altogether. Miss Turnure has received many very handsome presents. Her wedding gown will be of white, very simple and very costly. She will wear

MRS. OGDEN GOELET will remain abroad. Mrs. Robert Goelet and her sister, Mrs. Starr Miller, will not entertain, being in deep mourning. Mrs. Starr Miller has recently gone abroad. Thus the prospects for a gay winter in the very fashionable set are gloomy just at

rumors concerning her intentions of remarrying.

THE paper chases at Newport have been well attended. Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg has been very active in them. They are held opposite Newport, at Jamestown. Lady Bache Cunard, who is passing some time at Newport, is among those who take an active interest. She is quite a sportswoman, and since she has been living in England has belonged to several country hunts.

MISS GWENDOLYN BURDEN will make her debut. She is rather petite, with a beautiful complexion. Her mother is descended from the celebrated Colonel Burden, Evelyn Bird. Miss Burden has been out this summer at Newport at several of the dances. Miss Iselin and Miss Burden, both living on Madison Square, will make that neighborhood quite gay this winter. Other debutantes are Miss Barker, the second daughter of Mrs. Fordyce Barker; Miss Ethel Hollins, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hollins, and Miss Marion Haven.

THE Open-Air Horse Show will be at Lenox this week. Miss Lila Sloan was to have competed with Miss Barnes in the driving four-in-hand match, but the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt has caused her to withdraw. Mrs. William D. Sloan was in New York on the morning on which Mr. Vanderbilt died, and Mrs. Sloan went right down to town. The tub floral parade will wind up the season at Lenox. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bishop will have Miss Bend, who is to marry Carlisle Bishop, their second son, as a guest. Miss Bend was at Lenox earlier in the season and stopped with the William D. Sloanes.

MRS. W. E. D. STOKES is at Quogue with her parents, and Mr. W. E. D. Stokes has been seen a great deal about town. Mrs. Stokes and Miss Acosta are conspicuous figures at all the dances at Quogue, and they wear very smart Paris gowns, which are the admiration and the talk of the women in that delightful but rather quiet watering place. Mr. and Mrs. Lester del Garza are continuing to entertain large house parties at their pretty cottage at Islip. Mr. and Mrs. McKim and Mr. and Mrs. Scott still remain at Far Rockaway, and Mrs. Robert G. Remsen is at New London, where she and her daughter, Miss Remsen, will stay until November.

THE Earl of Yarmouth has created little or no surprise by his action in going on the stage. It was first announced that he was to marry an heiress, but the lady was not forthcoming, and then the private theatrical scheme was under way. The affairs of the Newport Hospital are not exact. In condition for it to accept any moneys, and the faction in Newport which has asked for a statement of its affairs will apply for an injunction to restrain the hospital authorities from receiving the money. In the meantime the Earl got a good advertisement and is going to try his luck at real acting on a real stage. He is well known abroad as a very clever actor of a troupe of amateurs which went on regular tours and from whose ranks several notable recruits to the stage have been taken. The Earl dances passably and sings very well. He is a great friend of the Duke of Manchester, who is very anxious to become an actor, and of the Earl of Roslyn, who was on the stage some time ago.

MISS ISLIN, the eldest daughter of Mr. C. Oliver Iselin, will also come out this winter. Miss Iselin looks very much like her mother, who as Miss Fannie Garner was a celebrated beauty. She and her sister have lived with Mrs. Garner, their grandmother. Mr. Iselin gave a large dinner during the week to Sir Thomas Lipton at his New Rochelle place.

BEYOND the continuance in a mild form of the Cantacuzene-Grant festivities there is nothing at Newport this week. The hounds met yesterday at Southampton, and Pierre Fenelon Collier was M. F. H. Many people will spend a quiet autumn at Southampton, but will remain until very late indeed.

TWO novel entertainments were given during the week at Newport. One of them was the dinner and small dance which M. Dechamp, a Frenchman, arranged as a compliment to his many hostesses of the season, and the other was quite in another set—it was the Coachmen's Ball. This affair is one of the events of the Newport season, and it is its closing entertainment.

MISS ALICE LAWRENCE'S engagement to Walter Campbell, the grandson of the Duke of Argyll, was announced last week, after numerous cable blunders, which stated that it was Miss Ruth Lawrence who was engaged. Miss Alice Lawrence has the dark beauty of the Lafargues. Her mother was a sister of the artist and her father was an extremely popular clubman, member of the Union and other prominent clubs, and took much interest in sporting matters. Her aunt was the Countess d'Agreda Morse, who was married four times and whose last venture, just previous to her death, judging from the lawsuits in which the estate has been plunged, could not have been a great success.

THE Bend-Bishop engagement was one of the subjects of conversation the past week. Miss Bend is such an attractive girl and has been, according to rumor, engaged so many times before, that every one is delighted that she has finally made her choice. Although very clever, Miss Bend is rather quiet in manner, while Mr. Bishop converses a great deal. He is deeply interested in municipal reform, and has written a number of letters on the subject to the different newspapers, principally to the Evening Post. He is one of the heirs of Miss Catherine Wolfe, and is related to the Lorrilards, Mrs. James Kernochan and other well-known people.

R. STORRS WELLS was one of the passengers on the great Oceanic. Mrs. Storrs Wells and Miss Natalie Wells came with him. They have been absent from America about a year, and it has been reported that Mrs. Storrs Wells will bring out her daughter next winter. There are very few debutantes, and Miss Wells is a very pretty girl. Her mother was Miss Annie Raynor, a great belle as a young girl and a handsoematron.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON, who was entertained by Oliver Iselin on Thursday evening, is expected at Newport this week, where several dinners will be given in his honor. Sir Thomas may take the Earl over to Newport and return courtesies. Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is to give him a dinner on the Corsair. There were plans to have entertained him on the Valiant, but the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt, which has put such an absolute stop to all festivities, again was the cause of abandoning any such plan.

MRS. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY was in town this week. He came on from Lenox after the announcement of the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney were in town for the funeral, but have returned to Newport. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., remained at Newport, as her health was not such as to permit her to make the journey. Mr. Whitney remains some time longer at October Mountain.

ELANCEY KANE arrived on the Oceanic. He will be here only a few weeks. He came over to see the cup races, and the entire Iselin connection will be united on that occasion. Mrs. Kane, however, will remain over on the other side. Her son has two years more before he graduates, and during that time the Kanes will pass the winter at Market Harborough, where the hunting is excellent.

MISS ROOSEVELT, the daughter of Mr. James R. Roosevelt, may not come out in New York this winter, owing to the illness of Mrs. Astor, her grandmother. Mr. Roosevelt arrived on the Oceanic this week. Miss Sarah Van Alen will make her debut in England. The Princess Hatzfeldt will chaperon her. The Princess is in this country at present, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Collis P. Huntington. Jimmie Van Alen is thinking seriously of following in the footsteps of his kinsman and cousin by marriage, William Waldorf Astor, and becoming an Englishman.

THE PRINCESS DE WREDE had a very good audience at the Casino at Newport on the occasion of her concert this week. It was under the patronage of Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Kernochan and Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs. The Princess is a tall woman, with superb complexion and reddish hair. She sings in several languages and has a quaint little Hungarian accent which is quite fetching.

MRS. AND MRS. E. N. TALLER have been driving around England this summer. Their children remained on this side of the water. Fannie Taller and Mrs. Taller have returned to Tuxedo. They were at the Newport Horse Show, where Mrs. Taller was one of the most admired of the women for her handsome gowns and her individual style. Tuxedo will have an early season, and the weekly dances will be resumed there very shortly. Nearly all the cottagers have returned.

AT HARBOR is over for the year. Mrs. Van Nest and Miss Van Nest will leave this week and others will shortly follow. The Philadelphia element was very large there this season. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hennen Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Schieffelin represented New York and the Vanderbilts. Mr. and Mrs. Morris had plans to entertain this winter, but the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt will prevent. Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt left Bar Harbor for New York on receipt of the news of Cornelius Vanderbilt's death.